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## FRANCE STILL A LAND OF GARDENS

Washington, Dec. 23.—France, the wealthy, enlightened, contented garden-land, where want was almost a unknown word and waste was rare, the strong, thrifty, self-reliant France of just before the war, as described with intimate detail and contrasted with the United States, its great sister republic, by Major General A. W. Greely of the United States army, forms the subject of a statement prepared by the National Geographic society. It says:

"Paris can no longer be looked upon as France. The repository and guardian of art treasures which in extent, variety and beauty are elsewhere unsurpassed; enriched with historic material of priceless value; adorned by artistic monuments and noble structures; beautified by broad streets and perfect parks; the center of culture for the nation; the fashion dictator for the world; the seat of government and so of power; scarcely surpassed elsewhere as a financial center—Paris is at once the envy and admiration of France, as indeed of the world. Still, it is not France.

"The real France is a country of industry, of scientific application, of foresight and comfort and of rich resources. General prosperity is best shown by the masses of depaupered banks—numbering 2,400—receive only limited sums from its clientele—wage-earners and petty tradesmen. The deposits annually increase, in 1911 being 21.7 of the population. Despite the rising standard of living, the accumulations in these small banks had reached \$774,405,000, averaging \$19.55 to each man, woman and child in France.

"A recent essay by Dr. H. S. Williams treats of the savings of the four leading commercial countries. He says: 'France has the lowest wage-scale and the highest percentage of savings-bank deposits, 34.8. America has by far the highest wage-scale and by far the lowest savings-bank deposits 9.9.'

"Vastly beneficial are co-operative operations in agriculture, commerce, trade, insurance and other lines of public utility. Rural credit, road systems, and workmen's houses are factors of prosperity and producers of comfort. We were wont to pity the down-trodden laborer of Europe in contrast with the free-individual workman at home, yet the French workman enjoys advantages of no mean order over the American as regards unemployment, employee insurance, compensation for injuries, old

age pensions, and last, but not least, frugal living through low rents, co-operation and vastly superior market facilities.

"The United States initiated this year its first concerted movement to solve the serious problem of unemployment by bringing the jobless man to the manless job. France has for years had a central employment bureau which now numbers 120 well-distributed workshops, fast disappearing with us, increase steadily though slowly in France, thus indicating the progress of personal prosperity—the best guarantee of the stability of democracy.

"The education of religious instruction from the national schools has been pursued to a successful end, though bitterly contested. Of the 5,629,000 pupils in 1909, only 2 per cent were taught in authorized religious establishments. Primary instruction is obligatory between the ages of 7 and 13. The announced aim of the public school system is to cultivate patriotism, to instill morality, to teach tolerance, to make French language uniform, to develop accurate observation and to enlarge a sphere of interest. Of the eighty-six technical schools, no less than fifty-seven covering all branches of modern industry, devote their efforts to grounding their 32,000 pupils in the maintenance of technical standards in the perfection of methods and especially to the training of managers."

## JAPANESE ARMY FOR CONTINENT IDEA GROWING

Tokio, Dec. 23.—The project of sending a Japanese army to Europe is gathering force in Japan. It is understood that France and Russia favor the idea, but that Great Britain hesitates to call upon her ally to go to Europe.

It is estimated that an army of 300,000, the number under consideration, would cost 5 yen per soldier daily or about \$1,500,000 for all. The fleet of transports would go by way of Suez and in addition to a total equipment of arms would have to convey food for many months, including vast quantities of rice. The idea is that the expenses would be covered by a European loan.

Baron Kato, minister for Foreign Affairs, is noted as being opposed to the project.

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## Events in Society

Harriet Dunn Bentley.

Governor Lee Cruce and his family, Mrs. Lorena Cruce and Miss Ashb. Bennett will spend Christmas day at Edmond, the guest of President and Mrs. Charles Evans of the state normal school. Other guests from this city will be Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cruce and Miss Gail Cruce, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Cruce and little daughter Clement, Mrs. Tente, and Mr. Casswell Bennett. Miss Mary Cruce will depart this evening to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents in Siloam Springs, Ark. Miss Lorena Cruce who has been spending several days in Sapulpa will return Thursday evening. She has been one of a house party of guests entertained by Miss Myrtle McDougal, whose wedding to Mr. A. McKay of Columbia, Mo., will be an event of Christmas evening. Governor Cruce and Miss Bennett will have a Christmas dinner Thursday evening, when they will entertain a party of students from the Norman university, friends of Miss Cruce. Among the party will be Miss Florence Furman and Mr. Henry Marshall Furman of this city. Miss Neva Rogers of Illinois, Miss Elizabeth Witcher and Mr. Robert Witcher of Indiana.

Miss Lavina Woods will depart Thursday for the holiday vacation in Ardmore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Abernathy of Purcell will be the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Harbottle and family.

The members of the Five o'clock Tea club will have an attractive Christmas tree Thursday evening in the children's ward of St. Anthony's hospital, arrangements for which are all completed.

Miss Ada Henshaw returned Saturday from Wichita where she has been attending school at St. Carmel Academy and will spend the holidays with her father Mr. George Henshaw. The sons of the family, Mr. Walter Henshaw is home from St. Louis, and Mr. Paul Henshaw from the military academy at Staunton, Va. Mr. George Henshaw, Jr., is also expected to join the family party from Drumright for Christmas day and Mr. Henshaw's brother, Mr. Marlon Henshaw of Muskogee arrived Tuesday evening for a short visit. Mr. Henshaw entertained informally a small party of friends Tuesday evening at his new home on West Eleventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hyde will depart this evening for Denison, Tex., where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Hyde's mother.

Miss Margaret Wyndham of Tulsa will arrive this evening for a week's visit with Mrs. Charles Nowlin. Miss Wyndham holds the chair of oratory at the Kendall college.

Miss Lorette Smilie will depart Thursday for her home in Mulberry, Kan., where she will spend the holidays.

The New Idea Embroidery club has entertained Monday by Mrs. H. D. May. Plans were completed for a 7 o'clock dinner to be given New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wardwell. The afternoon was spent with needlework, and the hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Neva May. The next regular meeting will be January 4, with Mrs. Belle Meyer.

Miss Helen Fox of Chickasha will spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Richard Peyton.

The many friends of Mrs. Thomas G. Chambers will be glad to know that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness at St. Anthony's hospital to be removed to her home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller entertained the Seven o'clock Dinner club Tuesday evening. The house was brilliant with the Christmas decorations, and the dinner table had a miniature Christmas tree lit with tapers, green and red ribbons extended from this to the plates and at the close of the dinner, these were pulled, resulting in a gift for each. At the game of auction high scores were made by Mrs. R. E. Looney and Judge J. F. Sharpe, and the remainder of the evening was spent with dancing. Judge and Mrs. Sharpe will entertain the club in two weeks.

The Lotus club will give a dinner dance December 30. The members will enjoy a dinner at the Lee-Huckins and will dance at the Whitehead Dancing Academy later.

Mrs. George B. Rittenhouse was hostess Tuesday to the Lee-Huckins Bridge club. High scores were made by Misses Wells Miller and John Hale. The club will meet next Tuesday, January 5 with Mrs. Colin Valentine as hostess.

Miss Sadie Maude Douglass of Muskogee will spend the holidays with Mrs. Stephen A. Douglass and Miss Helen Ledbetter.

Miss Ethel Lucile Carson will go to Tecumseh Thursday to spend Christmas with her family.

Miss Millicent Hosmer of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with the family of her brother, Mr. Ernest Hosmer and her parents Dr. and Mrs. James K. Hosmer. Miss Hosmer made many friends on the occasion of her former visit who will be glad to welcome her.

Mrs. Claude Miller is expecting her father Mr. J. N. Kimberlin of Altus and her brother Mr. Sam Kimberlin of the State University of Norman to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion S. Cooter will spend Christmas day in El Reno with the family of their daughter, Mrs. John DeLana.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson will have a family party of guests Christmas day which will include Judge and Mrs. Bruce Young and family of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Richardson and family of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Richardson having just arrived from Porto Rico, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards and family, Mr. and

Mrs. John Du Marre and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Richardson and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson of Elk City. Mr. L. L. Logg and Miss Lela Land and Mr. Garret Land will also be dinner guests. The family will have their Christmas tree Christmas eve with Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward. An interesting incident which shows the survival of the spirit of slavery days, is the annual visit at Christmas of Mr. T. M. Richardson's old body servant Jim who although living near Wewoka always joins the family for Christmas with his old master.

Miss Lucile Westervelt will have as her guest during the holidays, Miss Neva Rogers of the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorn have gone to Carnegie, Okla., to spend the holidays with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison R. Teasdale departed Tuesday evening for Kansas City and Galveston, Ill. and later will go to Chicago and Minneapolis.

Miss Mary Best returned today from Hardin College Mo., where she has been attending school, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Caldwell are anticipating the arrival of Mr. Caldwell's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Caldwell and Miss Marie Caldwell of Ottawa Kan. who are expected Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stiles will keep open house to their friends all day Christmas. They will have as their dinner guests a family party, consisting of their father, Mayor Whit M. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Lee, Mr. Fred Patterson and Louis Kerker.

Mr. and Mrs. Doman Pruitt will have open house to their friends Christmas. They are anticipating a visit from Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Ladd of Carmel, Okla., who will spend Christmas. Friday Mrs. C. D. Rosenberg and daughters Misses Annette and Mildred Rosenberg, aunt and cousin of Mrs. Pruitt will arrive from Lindsay, Okla. to visit the latter and her mother, Mrs. A. T. Salges. Miss Mildred Rosenberg has the chair of music at the Bethany College at Lindsay, and is a talented musician.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutton and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Brooks will receive their friends Christmas day at the Hutton home as is their custom each year.

Miss Helen Glynn will depart soon after Christmas for a visit with relatives in Kansas City.

The General Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Thursday at 2:30 o'clock in place of Tuesday to prepare the Christmas treat. All members are requested to come early in order to be of assistance before the business session.

Mrs. Frank McKay and daughter departed Tuesday for Oswego Kan. to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. McKay.

## New Coats For Xmas

Fresh new garments bought at a price, instead of the picked over lots carried all season—

50 Coats in the new belted, medium length styles. Rough mannish cloths and pile fabrics, including Velvets, Velour, Plush and Sealette. Many with fur collars. Some plain edged in fur—values to \$35.00.



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## After Supper Specials



In order to accommodate our patrons, this store will remain open until 10 o'clock tonight and Thursday night.

## PYRALIN IVORY

**\$1.00 Combs 75c**  
Large, heavy and strong, with combined coarse and fine teeth. A general favorite with the ladies, especially those with long thick hair. Pyralin Ivory mountings.

**\$4.50 Hairbrushes \$2.98**  
Any woman will be more than pleased with this fine Ivory mounted hair brush. The bristles are firmly embedded in mounting, and will hold indefinitely.

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Here is a remarkably fine piece of workmanship in a large, heavy mirror in Pyralin Ivory. The mirror is made of French beveled glass.

**Miscellany in Ivory**  
Beautiful 12-inch Ivory tray at \$1.98, instead of \$2.50.  
Ivory handle nail file at 25c.  
Ivory handle cuticle knife at 25c.  
Ivory handle button fastener, 25c.

## German Silver Mesh Bags at Half

German silver mesh bags in all sizes; also a few gold mesh and gold and gun metal striped. Hand-somely embossed frames and chain handles. \$1.00 mesh bags at 50c; \$3.00 mesh bags at \$1.50; \$4.00 mesh bags at \$2.00; \$5.00 mesh bags at \$2.50. Some of them slightly soiled in handling.

## German Silver Pandora Boxes--One-Fourth Off

All German silver Pandora boxes reduced one-fourth tonight. They contain mirror, glove buttoner, nail file, comb, powder box, perfume bottle and change purse. \$5.00 Pandora Box, tonight at \$3.75; \$6 Pandora Box, tonight at \$4.50; \$7.00 Pandora Box, tonight at \$5.25; \$8.00 Pandora Box, tonight at \$6.00.

## \$1.50 Flannelette Kimono \$1.19

Splendid quality of flannelette with soft fleece was used in making these kimonos; good weight material and correct styles, all sizes in different floral patterns; some are empire effect.

## Padded Robes at \$14.80, value \$18.50 at \$10.80, value \$13.50

Strictly high class quilted robes of excellent quality imported Japanese silk warmly interlined and lined with Japanese silk in contrasting colors, including rose, Copenhagen and black. These are garments that have been made up and finished with extreme care and are comfortable and luxurious. Every one is hand-embroidered.

## Clearance of Toys at Reduced Prices Tonight—Tomorrow—Tomorrow Night

**21-Piece China Set \$1; value \$1.98**  
Large and handsome sets consisting of 6 cups, 6 saucers, 6 plates, tea pot, sugar dish and cream pitcher. Really elegant enough for an after dinner coffee set.

**Peck's Bad Boy at One-Third Off**  
The Peck's Bad Boy books sell regularly at this store at 25c. Tonight and tomorrow you may get any of the series at 25c.

The series includes:  
Peck's Bad Boy and His Country Cousins.  
Peck's Bad Boy and His Chums.  
The Adventures of Peck's Bad Boy.

**Doll Beds at Sharp Reductions**  
They are brass and furnished with mattresses, pillows and draperies about the headpieces. 35c Doll Bed, now 15c; 50c Doll Bed, now 30c; 80c Doll Bed, now 45c; \$1.29 Doll Bed, now 65c.

**39c Paint Books and Paint now 25c**  
Large book of subjects and twelve colors of paint. **Painting Practice and Early Drawing Lessons**—Another handsome book with paint that sells regularly at 25c, reduced to 20c.

**Primrose Paper Dolls**—For children to paint, cut out and dress, regular price, including paint, 15c, reduced to 10c.

**Boy Scouts' Painting Book**—A classy book on painting that sells for 50c, but reduced tonight, tomorrow and tomorrow night to 40c.

**Real Life in Dolly Land**—For painting, cutting out and dressing—books that sell regularly at 50c, but reduced to 40c.

**The Gingerbread Dog Now 23c**  
A book of pictures and verse that sells regularly at 35c.

**Peppermint Puss**—Another book of pictures and verses, worth 35c, at 23c.

**Funny Moving Pictures now 7c**  
They show toyland and dollyland in kaleidoscope fashion to amuse young and old, worth 10c.

**Twilight Series of Stories now 7c values 10c**  
The series includes Robinson Crusoe, Bluebeard, Sleeping Beauty, The Restless Inn, Sinbad the Sailor, Aladdin, Little King Daffodill, The Babes in the Wood and others.

## Doll Carts at 1-4 Off



50c Doll Carts now ..... 44c  
40c Doll Carts now ..... 34c  
\$1.50 Doll Carts now ..... \$1.15  
\$2.00 Doll Carts now ..... \$1.50  
\$2.50 Doll Carts now ..... \$1.87  
\$3.00 Doll Carts now ..... \$2.25  
One \$2.75 Taxicab now ..... \$2.00

## Blackboards are Reduced

Nothing better to develop a child's mind. Blackboards now priced at 25c, 50c, 98c and \$1.49.

## 50c Train Sets now 25c



Note consist of engine and two coaches.  
50c Train Sets now ..... 25c  
50c Fire Engines now ..... 25c

## Rocking Shoo Fly at 75c



Don't wait until these are gone. A good Shoo Fly at ..... 75c up

May have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter since the destruction of their home by fire last week.

Miss Marjorie Bell is home from Sherman Tex., where she has been attending Kidd-Key college, to spend the vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Bell.

Dr. G. A. Westfall of Supply, Okla., and Mr. Clarence Westfall who has been attending school at Ames, Ia., arrived today to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Westfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Street will have a family dinner party Christmas day which will include Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Street, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Street of Meland; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McKelney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wardwell, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hall and son Hills, Mr. John R. Harris and sons Tom and Marshall Harris.

Mrs. Maggie W. Barry will arrive Saturday from Sherman, Tex., and will be the guest for a few days of Mrs. A. C. Cruce.

Mr. R. H. Wilson, state superintendent, and Mrs. Wilson entertained the employees of the State Department of Education at 2 o'clock dinner today. The table was adorned with the Christmas decorations, and places were laid for Misses Alta Drake, Eugene Boardman and Florence Neff, and Messrs E. A. Duke, Leslie F. Huffman, Henry J. Miller and W. T. Hunt.

Men who gamble pick their own pockets.

## Law Cancels Promise If Cupid Divorces Stork

New York, Dec. 23.—"Any man is entitled, even at the very steps of the altar, to be relieved of a promise to marry if he learns that his bride-elect is incapable of bearing or will not bear children," said Justice Benton yesterday in the supreme court. This opinion, expressed in charging a jury, was followed soon by a verdict in favor of David Greenhouse, of No. 710 Willow avenue, Hoboken, N. J., who was defendant in an action to recover \$15,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry, brought by Miss Bertha Schechtel. Her father, Bernard Schechtel, is a wealthy clothing manufacturer.

Miss Schechtel alleged that Mr. Greenhouse had promised to marry her in 1911 and had failed to keep his promise. His defense consisted of two letters which he said were written to him by Miss Schechtel. According to the defendant in one she said she had been told by a physician that she had better remain unmarried. She asserted, however, that she did not believe the advice made it necessary to break their engagement.

In another letter, Miss Schechtel said that she had been to a fortune teller, who had said to her: "Perhaps you won't have any children. You won't mind, but your husband will. She added that she did not mind, and said: "I wonder why the husband should have anything to say about it? What does it concern him in the least?" Mr. Greenhouse said that from letters and other sources he felt convinced the woman who had promised to marry him would not bear him children.

Justice Benton in charging the jury said: "The question of matrimony is one which concerns not merely the man and the woman to be wed, or who have been wed, but one that concerns the entire human race. Civilization itself demands not only that children shall be born but that they shall be born to a proper heritage mentally and physically. A man or a woman is justified in withdrawing from the marriage contract if he finds that his or her prospective life partner has sufficiently serious physical or mental defect, even though he does not become aware thereof until the eve of the marriage ceremony."

If a man gets a chance to praise himself he usually makes a noise like a megaphone.